

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed January 5, 2006, has advanced an election of species requirement, alleging the application to be directed to the following two patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

Species 1: Fig. 1A (claims 1-8); and

Species 2: Fig. 1B (claims 9-16).

Applicant hereby elects species 1 (claims 1-8 and Fig. 1A), without traverse.

Applicant has, accordingly, indicated claims 9-16 as being withdrawn. Applicant has also added new claims 17-19, which also directly read on the elected species. Furthermore, claim 17 is generic to both species.

Applicants respectfully request submit that the foregoing is fully responsive to the election request and that all presently-pending claims be allowed to issue. If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding Applicants' response, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned.

No fee is believed to be due in connection with this response to election of species requirement. If, however, any fee is believed to be due, you are hereby authorized to charge any such fee to deposit account No. 20-0778.

Respectfully submitted,



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